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COOPERATIVES READY FOR SPRING SOWING -- Borba, No 72, 26 Mar 49

All farm workers' cooperatives in Yugoslavia have completed their preparations for spring sowing. Some began to plant early crops at the end of February.

This spring Yugoslav farm workers' cooperatives will plant more sugar beets, hemp for fiber, hemp for seed, sunflowers, soya beans, castor beans, tobacco, and industrial peppers. Cooperatives in Macedonia and some in Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Dalmatia will plant more land in cotton than last year. Thirteen times more area than last year will be planted in cotton by Dalmatian growers this spring.

Cooperatives in Croatia alone will plant over 14,000 hectares of industrial plants this spring. Many more vegetables will be planted by cooperatives in the immediate vicinity of cities.

All farm workers' cooperatives, including those recently founded, have been supplied with the necessary quantities of pre-cleaned and processed seed. Most farm workers' cooperatives are short of seed potatoes because of poor organization. Contracts have already been signed to prevent such a shortage next year.

MUTUAL AID BETWEEN STATE AND COOPERATIVE FARMS -- Borba, No 72, 26 Mar 49

Last year a program of mutual aid between farm workers' cooperatives and state farms was begun in Slavonia. This year the program will be greatly expanded. Agricultural specialists from the state farms will give technical aid to the cooperatives, the state farms will contribute farm machinery to the cooperatives, and cooperative members will help in various farm operations and construction on state farms.

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